

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 70

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lisa Terry upon receiving *The New York Times Job Market* "Tribute to Nurses" Award.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's nurses and nurse practitioners make invaluable contributions to the quality of our lives and provide us with the finest of medical care, bringing to bear in each case their knowledge, skill, training, and compassion, and offering healing and hope to those under their expert care; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Terry is one such self-sacrificing nurse practitioner who, because of her stalwart dedication to providing the best possible medical care to those in need, has been honored with *The New York Times Job Market* "Tribute to Nurses" Award; and

WHEREAS, this great honor is in its fourth year, and it requires that a nurse professional evidence an "exemplary commitment to patient care" and be "a great source of inspiration," according to a spokesman for *The New York Times*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terry is a member of a greatly esteemed and select few recipients, being one of only four nurses to win the award from among more than 500 nominations this year; and

WHEREAS, along with the prestige of *The New York Times Job Market* "Tribute to Nurses" Award, Mrs. Terry was honored at a reception in New York City on Friday, November 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Terry graduated from Community High School in her native Bedford County, earned her Bachelor's Degree from Middle Tennessee State University, and attained her Master's degree and performed post-graduate work at the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terry grew up with little material wealth and learned at an early age that everyone should be treated equally; and

WHEREAS, during her ten years as a Family Nurse Practitioner and the Chief Executive Officer of the Primary Care & Hope Clinic in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Mrs. Lisa Terry has valiantly advanced this worthy effort from a struggling clinic to a thriving oasis for those disadvantaged patients without adequate health insurance or having other adverse circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Primary Care & Hope Clinic is a not-for-profit health care clinic providing high-quality, affordable health services to families in its community; with fewer than twenty paid staff members and a legion of health care professional volunteers, this inspiring organization annually provides more than 19,500 patient visits, 4,680 patient visits to the community's uninsured, and \$600,000 in free services to the uninsured residents of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable medical professional, Lisa Terry has also been the subject of a film that immortalizes the compelling story of the Primary Care & Hope Clinic; this film includes an interview with Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-year veteran of nursing who selected this healing profession at an early age, Lisa Terry remains firm in her belief that "we are only as strong as our most needy member;" that belief "has fueled her dedication to improving Rutherford County one life at a time"; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Terry has received the 2006 Active Living Network Award, other recipients of which include Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and U.S. Senator Barack Obama of Illinois; this award commemorates her active participation with the Wellness Council and other stakeholders to educate local developers so that the communities of Rutherford County can be developed with health and wellness in mind; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Terry is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating as a leader in several worthy organizations; for instance, Mrs. Terry serves as Board Chair of the aforementioned Wellness Council of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, despite her inspiring and fruitful endeavors and accomplishments, Mrs. Terry remains a paragon of grace and humility, crediting her successes to the community; she further states her modest belief that what has been given back to her far exceeds anything she has given to anyone; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Lisa Terry enjoys the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Mike Terry; her mother, Bealie Grissom; her father, Mike Grissom and her sister and brother-in-law, Terry and Nelson Knight; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Lisa Terry should be recognized for her accomplishments, the sacrifices she has made to accomplish her worthy goals, and her ability to adapt to current health care needs as a nurse practitioner and administrator; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lisa Terry for her meritorious service to the working poor and uninsured families of Tennessee, extend to her our best wishes for every future success, and congratulate her upon her receipt of *The New York Times Job Market* "Tribute to Nurses" Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.